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E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MARR, MOPS, PFOR, CB, TH
SUBJECT: GENERAL KRIANGSAK'S VISIT TO PHNOM PENH

REF: BANGKOK 19358

1. WE MOST APPRECIATE BANGKOK'S REPORT ON KRIANGSAK'S COMMENTS.
2. TRANSFER OF THAI DASC FROM BATTAMBANG TO PHNOM PENH HAS BEEN ENVISAGED FOR SOME TIME TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATION WITH KAF HEADQUARTERS. INCIDENTALLY, MR-111 CHIEF TOLD POLMIL COUNSELOR IN BATTAMBANG THIS WEEK THAT THAI REPS THERE HAVE NOT PAID RENT AND FOOD BILLS..
3. WE ARE NOT AT ALL CERTAIN THAT WE CAN TUNE IN THE FREQUENCY ON WHICH THAIS AND KHMER COMMUNICATE BUT WE IMAGINE THAT FANK'S SUGGESTIONS REGARDING TARGETS FOR RTAF T-28'S WERE DESIGNED TO ELICIT A THAI EXPLANATION OF WHAT USE THEY PLAN TO MAKE OF THEIR DASC. TARGETS MENTIONED ARE IN FACT NOT UNREASONABLE. THE ENEMY HAS BUILT A DAM WHICH BLOCKS A STREAM FEEDING PART OF THE SIEM REAP DRY SEASON IRRIGATION SYSTEM, MAY THUS COST THE GKR SIGNIFICANT RICE LOSSES, AND COULD BE TAKEN OUT BY T-28S. FANK ALSO HAS GOOD INTELLIGENCE ON LOCATIONS OF ENEMY STORAGE AREAS WHICH WOULD BE GOOD TARGETS FOR T-28S. FANK WOULD, OF COURSE, NOT WISH TO ATTEMPT

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TO USE RTAF AIRCRAFT IN A TROOP SUPPORT ROLE.

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